

House Bill 699

By: Representative Franklin of the 43rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to control of infectious or contagious
3 diseases in livestock, so as to provide that no owner or any animal or premises in this state
4 shall be required to participate in the federal National Animal Identification System; to
5 prohibit entering private property to administer such system unless an owner of animals
6 thereon is a voluntary participant; to provide a penalty; to provide for related matters; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
11 to general provisions relative to control of infectious or contagious diseases in livestock, is
12 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "4-4-7.

14 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any private property in this state for
15 the purpose of administering any provision of the federal National Animal Identification
16 System unless an owner of animals kept on such premises or the owner of such premises
17 is a voluntary participant in such system. Violation of this subsection shall constitute
18 criminal trespass for purposes of Code Section 16-7-21 and shall be punished as provided
19 in that Code section.

20 (b) No owner of any animal or premises in this state shall be required to participate in the
21 federal National Animal Identification System.

22 (c) Neither the department nor any other state or local government agency shall enter into
23 any cooperative agreement with the federal government which would require the owner of
24 any animal or premises in this state to participate in the federal National Animal
25 Identification System.

26 (d) Neither the department nor any other state or local government agency shall use
27 information from any other data base, including but not limited to Coggins test results, for
28 the purposes of registering any premises as part of the federal National Animal
29 Identification System without the express consent of the owner of such premises."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.